

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the present Official Action, Claims 1-16 which were previously elected without traverse have been subjected to a species restriction wherein the Examiner asked the applicants to elect one of the different materials recited in dependent Claim 2 as a single disclosed species to prosecute in this case.

As indicated, and in order to be fully responsive to the species restriction requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute polycarbosilanes as the polymeric material, and reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application. Also, applicants reserve their right to have the other species of Claim 2 rejoined in the present application upon allowance of a generic claim.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-16 read on the elected species.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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